

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
March 1, 2016  
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman  
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner  
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner  
John R. Simon, Commissioner  
Rob Gale, Attorney  
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with four Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Simon moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the February 16, 2016 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

RICH LYNAM: Mr. Lynam, Road Foreman, gave his monthly report to the Commissioners:

- 1) Discussed the cost of sealing 7.5 miles of paved roads for an approximate cost of \$116,353.00.
- 2) Mr. Lynam presented a priority road project list.
- 3) Commissioner Simon asked Mr. Lynam to review the minimum maintenance roads.
- 4) Mr. Lynam asked that the County get Ed Baker a United Wireless cell phone so that he will have better reception in the whole County.

HAMILTON CO HOSPITAL: Rob Nahmensen, Hamilton County Hospital CEO, Rob Rawlings, Hamilton County Hospital COO, Mike Hand with Great Plains Health Alliance, and Ron Munyan, Alice Frazer, and Carol Roberts, Hospital Board Members discussed the different operations scenarios and the funding required. Mr. Nahmensen informed the Commissioners that the Hospital Board voted to suspend operations at the Long Term Care Unit and ask the County to fund \$1,500,000.00 in no fund warrants. Several public comments were made regarding suspending the Long Term Care Unit operations and funding Hospital/Clinic operations.

GLEND A CHEATUM: Ms. Cheatum, District Court Clerk, informed for security and privacy issues, her department needs a door in between the Judge's office and the Court Clerk's office. Ms. Cheatum presented an estimate from Wood n Post Lumber for a door with a glass inset for \$647.00. Commissioner Braddock moved to purchase a door for the District Court office as requested. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Cheatum also discussed installing a counter across the front of the two desks with an entrance in between the two desks. The Commissioners asked Ms. Cheatum to get an estimate for the counter she is requesting.

ALAN HANSON: Mr. Hanson, EMS Director, discussed an EMR training course with an approximate cost of \$600.00 per student. Mr. Hanson will apply for grant money to reimburse the County for most of the cost, and will require anyone in the class to sign a contract that they would provide one year of service as an EMR to Hamilton County.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Discussed purchasing epoxy sealer for the Courthouse steps.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

ROAD GRADER LEASES: The County Clerk presented two leases she had received from The Valley State Bank for two 140M Caterpillar Road Graders for a total of principal and interest of \$177,400.00 at a rate of 4.01% interest with four annual payments of \$34,350.00 and a down payment of \$20,000.00 on each grader. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the two leases as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ABATEMENTS: After review Commissioner Simon moved to approve Abatements Nos. 150137 through 150151. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to pay the Booster Club \$100.00 and Hunters Safety \$250.00 from the Diversion Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$77,771.62. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Discussed funding options for the Hospital.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Simon moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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